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FOR HABIB AND BROWN FROM SULLIVAN

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SUBJECT: FLOW OF VIETNAMESE VISITORS THROUGH US BASES IN PHILS

REF: A. MANILA 5361

B. MANILA 5098

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1. AS WILL BE APPARENT FROM REF A, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY JOLTED BY EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM. HE AND HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF HAVE THEREFORE BEEN OUR PRIMARY OBSTACLES TO A SMOOTH FLOW OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THROUGH U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES.

2. CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY DFA NOTE (REF C) ARE A CONSIDERABLE SOFTENING OF ORIGINAL "GUIDELINES" CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS NOTE (REF B). THIS PRESUMABLY REPRESENTS ACTION BY MARCOS TO MODIFY STIFF POSITIONS TAKEN BY ROMULO. THIS REBUFF WILL CAUSE THE OLD MAN SOME PAIN, WHICH I BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR LONG-TERM INTEREST TO EASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. FORTUNATELY, ROMULO IS VERY AMENABLE TO FLATTERY,

PARTICULARLY FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHOM HE UNABASHEDLY ADMIRES. THEREFORE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CLEAR FOLLOWING MESSAGE WITH SECRETARY AND SEND IT TO ME AS FROM THE SECRETARY FOR PASSAGE TO ROMULO:

QUOTE: DEAR GENERAL ROMULO:

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY I APPRECIATE THE HUMANITARIAN ATTITUDE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS DISPLAYED IN PERMITTING REFUGEES FROM VIET-NAM TO PASS THROUGH THE CLARK AND SUBIC MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. THIS MOVEMENT HAS BEEN PRECIPITOUS AND COULD NOT, UNFORTUNATELY, BE PRECEDED BY ALL THE APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES WHICH ARE INHERENT IN THE U.S.-R.P. AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE USE OF THESE BASES.

YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE IN THESE HECTIC DAYS ARE NOT ONLY IN CONFIRMITY WITH THE TRADITIONAL WARM FILIPINO HOSPITALITY AND HUMANITARIAN INSTINCT BUT ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN COOPERATION WHICH HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

WE ARE MOVING RAPIDLY TO TRANSPORT THESE REFUGEES FROM PHILIPPINE SOIL AS SOON AS FACILITIES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THEIR RECEPTION ELSEWHERE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALL CONCERNED WITH THIS EFFORT ARE MINDFUL OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN PREROGATIVES AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY,
HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE.
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